

## **Ronan City Library**

#### **BTOP Public Computing Center Goals and Objectives**

Montana's project promotes three BTOP statutory purposes:

- 1) provide improved access to broadband service to consumers residing in underserved areas of the country;
- 2) provide broadband education, awareness, training, access, equipment, and support to libraries; and,
- 3) stimulate the demand for broadband, economic growth, and job creation.

#### **Objectives**

- 1) increase broadband speeds at participating libraries up to 21 mbps;
- cut wait times in half by increasing the total number of workstations and expanding library operation hours;
- improve access by purchasing ADA compliant software, hardware, and furniture, and through minor renovation projects aimed at increasing accessibility of computing center facilities;
- 4) offer courses to increase computer literacy; and
- provide Internet and library resources to rural Montana using a mobile computer lab.

## Successes

Internet Service Provider	Original Broadband Speed	Current Speed (mbps)
Ronan Telephone Company	3.00	25.00

### Ronan City Library Computing Center Now Offers...

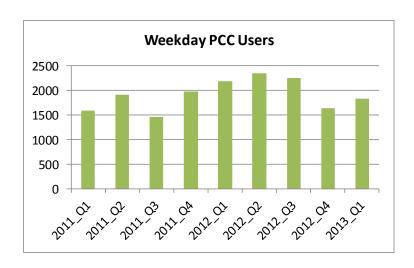
- ♦ 8 desktop computers
- ♦ 1 touchscreen computer
- 4 laptop computers
- ♦ 1 children's computer
- JAWs blind software
- ♦ MAGic low vision software
- ♦ 2 ZoomText 10 low vision software
- ♦ 1 ZoomText Camera with stand
- ♦ 2 low dexterity mice
- ♦ 2 low vision keyboards
- ♦ 2 Bierley magnification mice
- ♦ 10 headphones sets

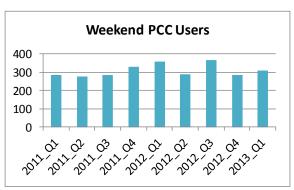
- 9 privacy screens
- ♦ 1 LaserJet printer
- ♦ 1 presentation screen
- ♦ 1 projector
- ♦ iPad
- Kindle Keyboard
- ♦ Kindle Fire
- Nook Tablet
- ♦ Samsung Galaxy Tab
- ♦ Google Nexus
- ♦ Coby Snapp digital video camera

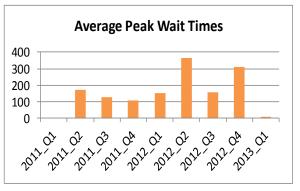


- > Currently our classes
  are "Book-a-Tech" for
  one hour of one-on-one
  assistance with anything computer related.
  Patrons are loving this
  service. We promote
  through newspaper
  articles, signs in the
  library, telling patrons
  about the service and
  word of mouth.
- > Every week there is a little ad in the newspaper about our Book-A-Tech. We get more inquiries every week.
- > We used our pop-up sign to advertise our Food for Fines and had people comment that they had seen the Library Television Ads. We have handed out promotional materials to our Book-A-Tech people.

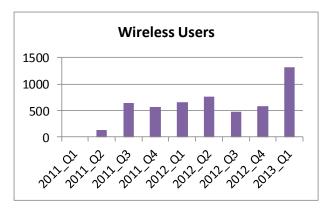
## Public Computer Center Usage







# Patrons who have taken advantage of public wireless access



## Benefitting from Technology Training

Length of Program (per hour basis)	Number of Patron Training Hours	Number of Library Staff Training Hours
146.75	1036	5